(c) According to Report of Integrated Energy Policy 2006 by Planning Commission, "8.87% of India's commercial Primary energy is met by Natural Gas".

(d) The Government has adopted multi-pronged strategy to enhance gas production in the country, consisting *inter alia* of the following: -

i. Intensification of domestic E&P activities through NELP Rounds

ii. Coal Bed Methane (CBM)

iii. Underground Coal Gasification

iv. Gas Hydrates

Allocations for North Eastern Region

885. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of allocations made during the budgets for 2007-08 and 2008-09, for the Development of North Eastern Region;

(b) how much has been spent from the above allocation and how much is in balance;

(c) whether these allocations are directly received from the Ministry of Finance or are received through various Central Ministries; and

(d) what is the total unspent amount as on the 31st March, 2008?

THE MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE): (a) and (b) The details of allocations made to the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region during 2007-08 and 2008-09, the expenditure incurred and the unspent amount are as follows:

	2007-08 (in Rs Cr.)	2008-09 (in Rs. Cr.)
Allocations made	1432.00	1473.25
Expenditure	1406.60	1427.78*
Unspent amount	25.40	45.47*

* Provisional

(c) These allocations are directly received from the Ministry of Finance.

(d) The total unspent amount as on 31st March 2008 was Rs. 25.40 cr.

Waste Disposal

†886.SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to install separate plants for disposal of industrial and bio-waste, if so, by when Government would implement this project;

(b) the steps taken by Government to prevent plastic waste; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi

(c) whether Government has prepared any project for installation of plant for reuse of plastic waste?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) The Government has notified the Hazardous Wastes (Management, Handling and Transboundary Movement) Rules, 2008, Bio-medical Waste (Management and Handling) Rules, 1998 and the Municipal Solid Wastes (Management and Handling) Rules, 2000. The treatment, storage and disposal of hazardous, bio-medical wastes and municipal solid wastes is required to be done as per the provisions of these rules respectively. The Central Government has a scheme for financial assistance for creation of common treatment and disposal facilities for hazardous and bio-medical wastes.

(b) The Government has notified Recycled Plastic Manufacture and Usage Rules, 1999 (amended in 2003) to regulate the use and manufacture of plastic carry bags and containers and recycling of plastics wastes. As per these rules, manufacturing and sale of carry bags made of virgin or recycled plastic bags which are less than 8" x 12" in size and 20 micron in thickness is prohibited. Recycling of plastics has to be undertaken in accordance with Bureau of Indian Standards specifications and only by units registered with State Pollution Control Board/Committee.

(c) The Central Pollution Control Board has provisions for technical and financial support for setting up of demonstration plants for use of plastic waste in road construction and co-incineration of waste in cement kilns.

Talks on Kyoto accord

887. SHRI M.P. ACHUTHAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a round of talks for thrashing out a successor to the Kyoto Accord on Climate Change on the basis of the new text circulated by the secretariat of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), was held in Bonn recently; and

(b) if so, the details of the talks held and the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) and (b) Under the Kyoto Protocol, the talks for further emission reduction commitments of Annex-I Parties in the Second Commitment Period (Post 2012) are undergoing since 2005. The UNFCCC Secretariat circulated a draft, based on the submissions of Parties, for such negotiations in the recent meeting of parties held in Bonn. As a part of such negotiations, India, along with South Africa and 35 other like minded countries have also submitted a proposal calling for Annex-I Parties to agree to at least 40% emission reduction commitment by 2020 as compared to their 1990 levels.

As per the Work Programme adopted by the Parties, the negotiations on the targets of Annex-I Parties for the second commitment period and other relevant issues are to be concluded by